



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 7  
16 June 2022

## Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau

Today is House Meeting day - the first of many in some time. Gathering students in their three houses strengthens our leadership program and connects our family groupings across the school.

House events can occur more freely and our 6 house captains are ready to lead! See pictures in this edition.

## Managing student, staff and community health.

Staff would like me to thank the school community for their support with many illnesses and Covid-19 still prevalent. If your child is unwell we ask that they remain home until they are well and able to return to school.

Our hygiene protocols remain strictly in place including mask wearing by staff and cleaning well used surfaces. We also know that many of you encourage this in your ākonga/students which aligns with the Ministry of Education messaging.

## Walk with a Purpose

Our annual fundraiser for the Fountain of Peace is **TOMORROW Friday June 17th.**

You will have had an abundance of information about joining this walk - just check your communications on the school app or even seesaw if you are unsure.

Walking to school is a practical and metaphorical way we can mirror the walk of children in Uganda and begin to appreciate the significant barriers to care and education that exists for many.

We walk as a school family united in this effort to support feeding programs, and in 2022 **furnishings for Canterbury House - a new building providing a home for orphaned or abandoned children.**

What a joy it will be to link with this (thank you technology!) house in weeks to come!

## Matariki Celebrations - Tuesday 21st June 6.00pm - 7.00pm - At School

We have been overwhelmed by the support of the community for this event. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special event which our nation celebrates for the first time on **Friday 24th June.**

Matariki is a cluster of stars also known as the pleiades. In Aotearoa New Zealand it comes into view low in the North Eastern horizon on the tail of the Milky Way.

It's appearance and significance (with variances for iwi and hapu) heralds the New Year and context for the cycles of life and death. It is largely a time to remember those we have loved who have passed away, celebrate the present and look to our life in the future.

On Tuesday night we will share kai, have discussions/wānanga and celebrate our community coming together/whakanui.

## Calendar Events also on the Schoolapp

- **Matariki 21st June 6.00pm - 7.00pm School Library/Ōmoho**
- **Friday 24th June National Holiday Matariki SCHOOL CLOSED.**
- **Tuesday 28th June - Sports and Cultural Photographs**
- **Wednesday 5th July - Hillview School Cross Country Year 0-4 12.00pm - 4.00pm**
- **Friday 8th July Last Day of Term.**

I have been reading a number of research articles and practical guides on topics such as compassion fatigue, wellness, trauma, stress and brain responses in children to stress and trauma. Some of these have been gifted to me by a whānau member of our school and I am grateful.

Canterbury has been through significant events of which we need little reminding. It is clear in the research that these events can continue to impact for long periods of time.

Kathleen Liberty's work (University of Canterbury) on the effects on children's brains, fatigue and learning post earthquakes was telling and now the pandemic is to be added.

We like to imagine we are resilient however in schools, manifestations of these stressors are ever present. Learning and behaviour can be our windows into wellness - for all community members. We are called to love and uphold mana, and I have a firm view that in our school issues can be resolved through conversation, grace and restoration in love.

Take care everyone - Averil and Staff



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Church Certificates

Inaka	Theo C/Kiara L
Putakitaki	Elisha R/Miesha W/Elspeth A/ Sadie G
Kawau	Holly M/Emily T /Archer W/Theo T
Kāmana	Maia-Rose A/Cristian D-N/ Liam B/Troy M
Pīngao	Isla H/Alexandra H/Darcy Q/ Aurelia C-T
Karengo	Indie L/Evelyn L/Lucas C-B/ Millie H/Sofia D
Kahawai	Aayush K/Madison T/Jackson V
Toroa	Casper T/Jasmine H/Monty S/ Sienna G

## Sports Results

### Netball

St Mark's Year 5 Otters 10 v St Margarets 2

Player of the Day: Janneke de-L

St Mark's Year 5 Otters 8 v South New Brighton 7

Player of the Day: Lucy C

### Basketball - Year 5/6

St Mark's Thunder 37 v St Mark's Hornets 15

Players of the Day: James P/Zachary O

### Basketball - Year 7/8

St Mark's Celtics 30 v Oaklands 4

Player of the Day: Joseph R

St Mark's Heat 16 v STC 10

Player of the Day: Matthew C

## Mānawatia a Matariki 2022 Celebrating Matariki 2022

There has been an amazing number of responses to attend our Matariki celebration this year. Miharo, amazing!

For our activities, please start collecting cardboard tubes (from paper towels etc - not toilet rolls please).

I will have a box in the school foyer for these to be collected.

Also, does anyone have a source of cardboard or wool - that would be incredible. Please contact me on [e.wells@saintmarks.school.nz](mailto:e.wells@saintmarks.school.nz)

Looking forward to next Tuesday

Ngā mihi nui

Emily Wells

## Speech Cup

The Speech Cup for Year 5/6 and 7/8 was held on Tuesday..

### Finalists - Year 5/6

Darcy Q	1st	Darcy Q
Angel S	2nd	James D
Isla Hawera	3rd	Angel S
Tyler Macphail		
James D		
Zachary Ormandy		

### Finalists - Year 7/8

Thomas F	1st	Ethan K
Benjamin C	2nd	Lily B
Felicity W	3rd	Felicity W
Lily B		
Catalina M		
Ethan K		



Thank you to Susan Fisher and Doug Watkinson for giving their time to judge this competition.

## Year 4/5 Choir

There will be no choir practice tomorrow, Friday, due to Walk with a Purpose.





## FIRST WEEK OF CHURCH SERVICE AT ST MARK'S CHURCH



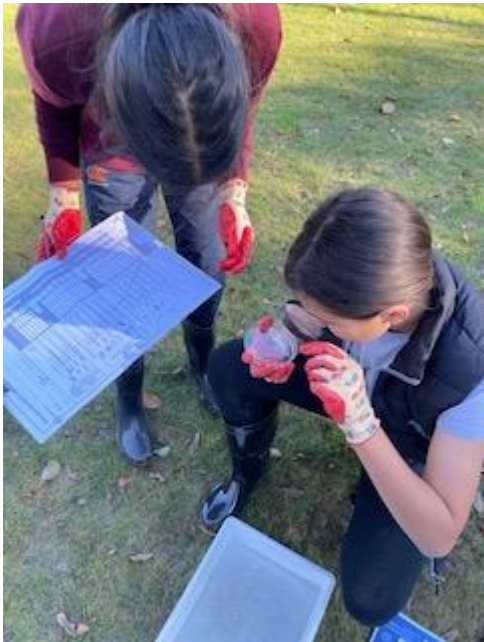
## SECOND WEEK OF CHURCH SERVICE AT ST MARK'S CHURCH





JACKSON'S CREEK

Monitoring water quality as part of our service to the Environment and in our role as Nature Agents.







## ST MARK'S SCHOOL

### FOUNTAIN OF PEACE NZ – WALK WITH A PURPOSE

#### Information Sheet

We would like to extend a warm invitation to the St Mark's School community to join our Fountain of Peace NZ – Walk with a Purpose fundraising event on Friday the 17th of June, to help raise funds for Fountain of Peace Children's Foundation NZ. Fountain of Peace NZ is working in Western Uganda, creating family-based homes within a village community, for orphaned and abandoned children, as well as working to provide clean water, education, health care and sustainable projects for the whole community.

At present funds are being raised towards the construction of a new family-based home, for eight orphaned and abandoned children who have been rescued into the care of Fountain of Peace. This home is to be named Canterbury House. The funds raised by our St Mark's School community will be going towards the furnishings of this family home. This includes furnishing the bedrooms, kitchen, bathrooms, living and dining area.

For students and family members wanting to take part in this uplifting event they can either walk from their home taking their own route, or join one of the four different walking routes coming from Westmorland, Mt Pleasant, Lyttleton, or the Christchurch Transitional Cathedral. Walking route maps will be sent via the St Mark's School App once they have been finalised. Students should aim to arrive at school around 8.30am. The wonderful St Mark's School Parents Association will be providing a hot drink and snack for walkers when they arrive at school. The significance of walking to school is that many children in Uganda have to walk up to 10 km to and from school each day, often on an empty tummy. It helps our students in further developing their sense of empathy and thoughtfulness towards those less fortunate.

Students taking part in this Fountain of Peace NZ – Walk with a Purpose can wear mufti for the walk and for the entire school day. Please pack extra snacks for your child and ensure they have a water bottle and any personal medication which may be required for the walk (i.e. asthma inhaler). Students can either carry their school bag or you could drop it to school at around 8.30am when they arrive.

If your child would like to join this fundraising walk, please complete the sign-up/waiver form before Friday 10th June. This will also be sent on the School App and will include an event waiver for parents/caregivers who would like to participate. We will require one adult for every five students participating in this event, who will be designated to be responsible for these children from the start to the finish of the walk. We will be setting up whatsapp groups for communication leading up to the event and for communication on the day.

Please feel free to share the following link with any friends or family who may wish to sponsor your child –  
<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/st-marks-school-fountain-of-peace-nz-walk>

If you have any questions please contact  
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Website – <https://www.fountainofpeace.org.nz>

**1 June 2022**

## **School Board Parent Election 2022**

### **Nomination round**

Our school will be undertaking a parent election **for 5 School Board vacancies**. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

**Nominations close on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon.**

We look forward to your participation in this process.

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Returning Officer

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